WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for transmitting a character message in a mobile communication terminal during a conversation by telephone, comprising the steps of:

5   setting the mobile communication terminal to a character message-transmitting/receiving mode while in a state in which a speech path has been established between the mobile communication terminal and a mobile communication terminal of a party other than the user; and

inputting a character message while in the character

10   message-transmitting/receiving mode, processing the written character message and transmitting the written character message to the mobile communication terminal of the other party via the established speech path in the character message-transmitting/receiving mode.

2. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising

15   the step of:

returning the mobile communication terminal of the user to a phone mode after the transmission of the character message to the mobile communication terminal of the other party.

3. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the

20   character message input during the character message-transmitting/receiving mode is selected among character messages previously written and stored in a registered state.

4.   The method in accordance with claim 1, including the additional step of receiving a character message from the mobile communication terminal of the other party via the established speech path while the mobile communication terminal is in the character message

5   transmitting/receiving mode, the mobile communication terminal displaying the received character message.

5.   A method for receiving a character message in a mobile communication terminal during a conversation by telephone, comprising

10   the steps of:

establishing a speech path between the mobile communication terminal and a mobile commnication terminal of another party;

receiving a character message from the mobile

15   communication terminal of the other party via the speech path; and

processing and displaying the received character message.